Thursday, December 13, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 40

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the sale of a Raw Water Intake Easement and Temporary Construction Easement to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). The water intake easement is a 0.116-acre tract of land in Lake Austin adjacent to the LCRA's existing water intake and waterline. The 18-month Temporary Construction Easement is a 0.417-acre tract of land in Lake Austin adjacent to the proposed Water Intake Easement. The LCRA has agreed to purchase the easements from the City of Austin for the total appraised value of \$2,300.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) owns and operates the Upland Water Treatment Plant, a facility located in the City of Bee Cave, southwestern Travis County, and the Dripping Springs area.

The demand for water in the West Travis County area is growing rapidly and projections show that water demands will exceed plant capacity as early as May 2008. To meet these demands, the LCRA is now conducting the West Travis County Water Treatment Plant expansion project, a multi-phase project that will provide additional treatment capacity at the plant site and a new raw water intake in Lake Austin.

It has been determined that the City of Austin owns the property upon which the new intake is located and that the existing raw water intake structure is located on City of Austin property, outside of any easements owned by the Lower Colorado River Authority. The LCRA proposes to acquire a permanent easement for the intake area and a temporary construction easement adjacent to the Lake Austin easement to facilitate construction of the new intake.